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# Fort Riley Post



Back to school

Fort Riley kicked off the new school year Aug. 19. Teachers and school administrators said they were excited to start the school year and the children were excited, too.

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Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, return to Kansas at the Manhattan Regional Airport after being deployed to Oregon since mid-July to help fight fires.

## Soldiers return from Oregon fires

By Steven Cooke  
Staff Writer

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, returned from the Tiller Complex Fire in Tiller, Ore., to a welcome home ceremony at Fort Riley's Craig Fitness Center.

As part of Task Force Destroyer, 1st Bn., 5th FA deployed to help fight fires in support of the National Interagency Fire Center NIFC coordinates for all fire fighting on the US mainland, and in Alaska and Hawaii.

Col. (P) Frank Helmick, assistant division commander (Maneuver), 24th Infantry Division (Mech), spoke about Task Force Destroyer's mission to be firefighters.

"This proves soldiers can do anything with good leadership," said Helmick. "It was done in good fashion and safely."

Helmick also told the soldiers they need to be proud of their accomplishments. Helmick went on to say the Task Force completed the mission, "with the support of your wives and girlfriends back home."

At the fitness center, the soldiers were greeted by their friends and families cheering and waving

banners.

"It's wonderful to have him back," said Deneetra Williams, of her husband. "He's been away from his baby for months and the baby is just two months and a week old."

"It feels really good (to have my husband back)," said Tamarah Wells. "My daughter really missed him. It's a relief. I feel safer having my husband home. My children have security."

The soldiers said it felt good to be home and receive such a welcome.

"It's great. It is really lovely," said Staff Sgt. Lenton Williams, 1st Bn., 5th FA. "I feel very special. They've showed me so much love."

"Actually, it feels really great. It's nice to be home," said Spec. Kevin Wells, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Bn., 5th FA.

The soldiers spoke about their experience fighting the fires. "It was hot and smoky, a lot of early mornings and late nights, and a lot of hiking up hills,"

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—Spec. Kevin Wells  
HHB, 1st Bn., 5th FA

## 91W program brings together combat medic, licensed nurse

By Jason Shepherd  
19th PAD

Fort Riley has started to implement the 91W program, a program that brings together the combat medic and licensed nurse, making a better-trained medic, more capable of supporting a strategically deployable, agile Army, according to the Army Medical Web site.

Lt. Col. Linda Atteberry, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) surgeon, said the program is helping the soldiers and civilians of Fort Riley.

"The 91W program helps Fort Riley by putting (Emergency Medical Treatment) qualified medics in the field to care

for wounded and sick soldiers in training, deployments and combat," she said. "When a civilian calls an ambulance, they get at least an EMT-qualified responder. The 91W program assures that soldiers will get the same level of care."

So far, Fort Riley has put about 170 medics through the mandatory training. The entire course is 45 days and there are three permanent instructors that teach the classes.

The last two classes finished with 90 and 87 percent passing rates, respectively. The national average for passing the EMT course is 74 percent.

"We have doctors and paramedics come from all over to speak to the class," said Staff Sgt. Gary McKinney, 91W

coordinator and instructor at Fort Riley. "These subject matter experts come and teach the class, which really helps get the information to the soldier and I think that's what makes our average so high."

The Surgeon General's goal for the program is 15 percent per fiscal year. Fort Riley has more than doubled that," Atteberry said.

The 91W program provides the Army with highly motivated, disciplined, warrior spirit health care specialists who are National Registry EMT-B certified, possessing the additional necessary medical skills to sustain the force, survive the battlefield and accomplish the mission, according to the website.

Another benefit is having medical sol-

diers who have special training in combat mental health, intravenous fluid administration, airway management and preventive medicine who live in the community and who will deploy with our units, Atteberry added.

This new Military Occupational Specialty will be the third largest MOS in the medical field. Over 40,000 soldiers from the active, reserve and National Guard are affected by the change.

It is planned that the active component will have all the old MOS's merged as 91W by 2007.

"I think it's going to give them better trained medics," McKinney said.

"If they're by themselves with no help from a doctor or physicians assistant,

they provide better treatment and are able to sustain the life of soldiers," McKinney said.

According to the Army medical website, www.cs.amedd.army.mil, the new MOS will have significantly better training. The soldiers will learn Trauma AIMS, which is Advanced Airway Training; IV Therapy; medication and Shock Management CPR.

"The classes cover all types of emergencies including delivering a baby, psychiatric emergencies, heart attacks, broken bones and abdominal pain," Atteberry added.

Because of the training of the new 91Ws, soldiers of the future will be taken care of on and off the battlefield.

## Ceremony welcomes new leadership to post

Staff Reports

Fort Riley officially welcomed Col. (P) Frank Helmick, the new assistant division commander for maneuver, and Col. Thomas Luebker, the new assistant division commander for support, during a ceremony on Ware Parade Field Tuesday.

During his address to the audience, Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley explained how the turnover of leaders is positive for Fort Riley and how excited he is about the team of leaders here now.

"There was a moment last spring when I was told I would be turning over three ADCs, a chief of staff, two brigade commanders and numerous battalion commanders at Fort Riley," said Metz.

"I was feeling at little uneasy about that. Now, the new team is in place and I'm excited about working with them."

"It's almost like going to the dentist. You know in the long run your going to be better off, but it's tough to battle through the operation," he said.

Helmick said that although Fort Riley was a new post to him, he was looking forward to getting to work.

"I've never been stationed here

before and getting to work with great soldiers again is exciting, and getting to work with 'heavy units,' armor and mechanized units and all the challenges that come with that," said Helmick.

Helmick said, "Those which bring such explosive firepower to



Col. Thomas Luebker, the new assistant division commander for support, addresses the audience on Tuesday.

the battlefield, I'm really pumped about it."

Helmick also spoke of how his peers at the Pentagon told him nothing but great things about Fort Riley. He also added, Lt.

Gen. William Wallace, V Corps commander in Germany, told him great things about being able to work with Maj. Gen. Metz.

"He told me, Frank you won the lottery by going to Fort Riley and working for Maj. Gen. Metz," said Helmick.



Col. (P) Frank Helmick, the new assistant division commander for maneuver, speaks during the welcoming ceremony.

"I think he was right on the mark. From my two weeks here on the ground, I can say that Fort Riley is a tremendous place to soldier. I look forward to working

with all of you and together we can continue to make a difference at America's Warfighting Center."

Following Helmick, Luebker, a familiar face to the Fort Riley community, spoke about his excitement and happiness about being back.

"It's great to be home," said Luebker at the ceremony. "When you come out here and stand on this field in the Kansas sun, the soldiers assembled on the field in front of you, the smell of the horses, you know your back. You remember that Fort Riley, without a doubt, is the best kept secret in the Army."

Luebker, who spent time as the Director of Warfighting Plans and Operations for the 1st Infantry Division until he took command of the 70th Engineer Battalion June 1, 1993, spoke of how the Fort Riley community and surrounding communities are top notch.

"The civilians who run this place, the community that surrounds this place, the support you get and the hospitality you receive is unmatched anywhere else in our Army," said Luebker. "My wife and I have been on many posts, but nothing comes close to this community and this post. It is great to be back."

## New department formed

WASHINGTON -- Terrorists aim to get their hands on weapons of mass destruction -- chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear. If they do, the results would be far more devastating than what happened Sept. 11, according to White House officials.

Protecting the nation such against catastrophic terrorism would be one of the main missions of the Homeland Security Department proposed by President Bush, the officials said. The new department would lead the federal government's efforts in preparing for and responding to the terrorist threat involving weapons of mass destruction.

The department would set national policy and guidelines for state and local governments and direct exercises for federal, state and local response teams. The goal would be to consolidate and synchronize the efforts of federal agencies scattered across several departments.

The White House officials said the department would unify federal efforts to develop and implement scientific and technological countermeasures; set priorities for national research and development, and for the procurement of tests, evaluations and new technology and equipment; and focus such scientific institutions as the Livermore National Laboratory and the Plum Island Animal Disease Center on countering the threat.

The department would unify the nation's defenses against biological and agricultural terrorism. This would include preventing the malicious use of plant or animal pathogens to cause disease in the agricultural sector.

Department officials would develop and deploy new systems for safeguarding nuclear material stockpiles and detecting movement of nuclear material. They would focus on detecting illicit nuclear material being transported on the open seas, at U.S. ports of entry and throughout the nation's transportation system.

Since early detection of biological attacks is crucial to saving lives, the new department would lead the nation's efforts in developing, deploying, managing and maintaining a national detection system, the officials said. That system would consist of a national public health data surveillance system and a sensor network to detect and report the release of biological agents in densely populated areas.





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## New commander ready for post challenges

At this time I would like to say hello to Fort Riley and the surrounding communities.

As many of you read last week, on Aug. 9 I officially took over as the garrison commander for 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley from Col. Phil Pope.

My short two weeks on-post have been filled with the same

challenges many of you experienced as new arrivals. Did the furniture arrive in tact? Will we ever

**Around Fort Riley:** By Col. John Simpson, Garrison Commander

finish unpacking? (yes, we still have boxes). Where is the PX and Commissary?

These challenges along with

school registration and the beginning of school have made it a "busy" two weeks.

We are now settled and would like to thank the soldiers and civilians for our warm welcome.

Commanding the Garrison is a

tremendous honor and an opportunity to directly affect soldiers and family members in a positive

way. Karen and I look forward to meeting and working with each and every member of the community to make Fort Riley a better place to live and serve.

## Drive thru window at Devil's Den first in Army

By Christopher Selmek  
19th PAD

The Devil's Den is the 1st Brigade Combat Team's dining facility and operates the only drive thru window in the Army, according to the Fort Riley website.

The building seats 284 soldiers and serves an average of 450 soldiers per meal, 320 inside and 130 at the drive thru window.

"The benefit is to the customers," said Sgt. 1st Class James Sylvester, assistant food manager. "It also allows us to compete with civilian enterprises."

As with any other drive in service, customers place their orders at a speaker before proceeding to the window to pay for and receive

their food. The Devil's Den has been in operation for nearly a year since its initial opening on Sept. 7, 2001. In that time, the Devil's Den received the 24th Infantry Division and Fort Riley Commanding General's Award for Best Thanksgiving Day meal in November 2001.

Customers at the drive in window overall seem pleased with its service.

"It's more efficient," said Pfc. Brian Clement, 1st Brigade, 16th Infantry Division. "If you're in a hurry you can just drive around here instead of running inside."

"The line moves quickly," said Spc. Matthew Kele, 101st Forward Support Battalion. "It's alright."

The drive in window operates at the same time as the dining room and for a half hour after it closes.

The dining room is open for breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on all days except Thursday, when it is open from 5:30 to 7 a.m. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The buffet style of serving food is another unique idea incorporated by this dining facility along with the drive in window.

"Put \$3.50 down and it's all you can eat, as much as you want," said Sylvester. "We took that idea from civilian market, because we found that soldiers liked to serve themselves a customer lunch at the Devil's Den drive thru rather than having the Army tell them what they can eat."

Devil's Den contains two soup and salad bars, two main course lines, three short order lines and a self serve ice cream bar in addition to an all you can eat buffet.

Soldiers eating in the dining room may take as much as they wish and go back as many times as they want. Soldiers can also use their meal card.

Apart from the main dining area, the rear of the building has been sports themed, the walls decorated with various sports memorabilia.

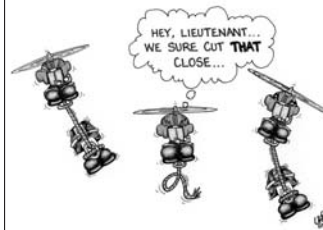
An adjacent dining room is typically set aside for meetings and conferences and is decorated illustrating the history of the Devil Brigade.

Each of the three dining areas are equipped with three televisions and a public address system.

The Devil's Den is located on Custer Hill along Normandy Drive and is open to any soldier who wishes to eat there.

"Every brigade can come here to eat, we feed everyone," said Sylvester. "This is the best dining facility on the hill, as we say."

### Grunt By Wayne Uhden



Photo/Selmek

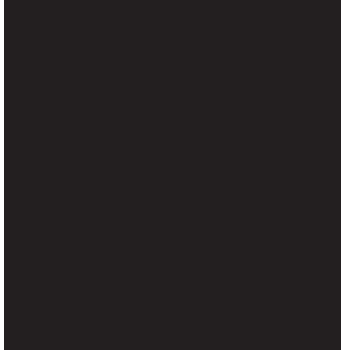
A customer orders food in line at the 1st Brigade Combat Team's dining facility, the Devil's Den drive thru.



Photo/Selmek

Spc. Jeremy Demski hands a customer lunch at the Devil's Den drive thru rather than having the Army tell them what they can eat.

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## Smart cards will be issued soon

By Lori Bultman  
Editor

The identification card facility on Fort Riley was closed earlier this week for some important upgrades. Starting yesterday, the facility began issuing the new common access cards, or smart cards to Fort Riley personnel. The equipment to produce the cards belongs to the Department of Defense, according to Warrant Officer James Fiedler, chief of military personnel operations, Company B, 1st Personnel Support Battalion, and their technicians were on Fort Riley this week putting the new system into place and training Fort Riley personnel to create the new cards.

Common Access Cards are a new mandated initiative that will use smart card technology to contain personnel identification, building access and network access for DoD personnel, Fiedler said. The smart card identification cards that will be issued at Fort Riley are credit card-sized devices that can contain multiple technologies and individualized databases. The cards include an integrated chip, a magnetic stripe and bar codes. The card also has the ability to contain printed information and images, such as photos, text and fingerprints; encryption and authentication; biometrics and a non-contact radio frequency transmitter.

The purpose of the new cards is to protect resources and soldiers.

"The cards are good for quick accessibility of information for the soldiers and a heightened level of security, not just of the area but of the soldiers also," said Capt. Rick Montandon, company commander, Company B, 1st PSB.

"Benefits of the CAC include increased personal and national security through the Public Key Infrastructure, according to Derrol Trippett, security specialist, Directorate of Information Management. "PKI is a component of the CAC. It is an enabling technology that provides for data protection through authentication and data integrity. PKI performs specific functions including single sign-on access control, signing electronic documents and

encrypting e-mail."

"All DoD computers will soon be a device, a card reader, that will allow users to swipe or insert their CAC," said Trippett. "No one will be able to log on to your computer, even if they have your name and password. With PKI, personal privacy is better protected and both national and DoD security are strengthened."

Not everyone will be issued a new ID card immediately.

"Currently the issuance is going to be limited to very specific groups due to the fact that there is a cardstock shortage from the Department of the Army and DoD," Fiedler said. "There was a problem with some of the cardstock they currently have and they were having a problem producing it with the microchip. The shortage of cardstock is supposed to be relieved in October. So, there is no need to come over to get a new ID card at this time. All units will be scheduled for the mass issuance of new cards. The units will put out the dates, times and appointments for their personnel to be issued the new cards."

Even after smart card production at Fort Riley gets actively underway, only certain people will be issued the new cards.

Active duty personnel with an ETS greater than Oct. 1, 2003, will receive the new card, along with selected reservists. Department of Defense employees and eligible contractors, said Fiedler. Dependents, retirees, disabled veterans, inactive ready reserve members and inactive guard members will not receive a smart card, he said.

When scheduled to have their new cards produced, Fiedler said active duty military personnel and reservists, just need to bring their old ID card to get a new one, but Department of the Army civilians and contractors will need two forms of photo identification to be issued the new card. Personnel must also have an Army Knowledge Online email address in order to be issued a smart card. Also included in the production of the new cards is the fingerprinting of the person, digital encoding of the chip, and each person has to enter their own six to eight character pin number.

acter pin number.

The ID facility currently has five stations available to produce cards, though more are planned to be operational soon. "One station will be available to produce the 'old' dependent and retiree type ID cards, and the other four stations will be producing smart cards. We are in the process of selecting two additional civilian personnel to produce ID cards," Fiedler said.

The main reason for the new card is for security purposes, data security. Once you have the card, and once the software is installed on your computer, that is the only way to access your email on those computers, through that card," Fiedler said.

He also said it allows DoD and the post to track who is using what computer at all times.

According to Fiedler, there is a procedure to follow to replace a lost card.

"With the first time loss, in order to get it replaced, the person has to be counseled by their chain of command, by commander or first sergeant, and they have to get an MP validation that there has been a report of a lost ID card. Each card costs \$8." This does not include the time it takes to create the card, which can be anywhere from 15-20 minutes per card.

Smart cards have an enormous amount of potential in the future, Fiedler said. "There are quite a few different technologies that have not been developed yet, like with medical records. If in a battle situation you are injured and your medical records are on your ID card, there is the possibility that the medic would be able to take that ID card and get your medical records and find out any problems you have had in the past and use that information to in your treatment."

"In the future, to even get into a building, you are going to have a card to open it up," Montandon said. "A lot of things that the card will be used for have not been developed yet. We are just starting with the computers and readers."

For more information on smart cards, go to <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard> on the web

## Talk Around Town

### "What is your most memorable first day of school?"



*"Just today, I tripped up the stairs and everybody laughed at me."*

Latoya Walker  
Junction City High  
School student



*"My dad was in the military, and he gave me a crew cut. Back then, it wasn't cool to have a haircut like that like it is to the kids today."*

Staff Sgt. George Embrey  
Co. B, 1st Battalion, 41st  
Infantry



*"I remember 9th grade. I finally made it to high school. I never thought I'd be in high school!"*

Sara Huerta  
Junction City High  
School student

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## Briefs

### Apple Day

Join in the celebration for Apple Day 2002, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Cavalry Parade Field. There will be apple pies, historic encampments, a veterans' tent, honor guard demonstrations, a night vision display and more.

With Apple Day just around the corner, 1,000 apple pies will be made for the event. Pre-pie sales are now underway. Pies are \$7 and must be paid for at the time of the order. Call Gail Asher at 717-3263 or e-mail her at [applepie@cs.com](mailto:applepie@cs.com) for order information. Frozen pies can be picked up Sept. 17 at the parking lot near building 404 at the corner of Holbrook and Pershing on Main Post 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4:30 - 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed to make the pies. Pies will be made Sept. 10-12. Call Marlee Marshall at 784-6670 to volunteer or contact her at [marleemarshall@hotmail.com](mailto:marleemarshall@hotmail.com)

### Home Tours

Historic post home tours will be Sept. 29, 2 - 5 p.m. and will start at Custer House, side B. This will be a walking tour of six homes on Main Post. Quarters One will be on the tour and the location of refreshments. Reservations are required to be on the tour and can be made by calling Rachelle Boslego at 717-2818. The tour is open to HASFR members and others who are interested.

### Holiday Refuse Schedule

Due to the upcoming holiday on Sept. 2, the refuse collection schedule will change as follows: Sept. 2 is the holiday and there will be no pick-up on that day. On Sept. 3, pick-up will be at Coyer Manor, Main Post and Marshall Army Air Field. On Sept. 4, pick-up will be at Ellis Heights, Monticelli Heights, Peterson Heights and O'Donnell Heights. On Sept. 5, pick-up will be at Warner Heights and Burnside Heights, and on Sept. 6, pick-up will be at Mendle Heights, McCullum Heights, South Peterson and South Warner. Due to the holiday, there will be no large item pick-ups.

### Blood Drive

The 937th Engineer Group will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive Sept. 17 - 19 at Long Fitness Center, building 8069, Normandy Drive on Custer Hill. Hours each day will be 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Blood donors must be 17 years old, weight 110 pounds and be in general good health. Most medications do not cause a donor to be unable to give blood. If you have questions about your eligibility to donate blood, call the Central Plains Red Cross Blood Region in Wichita at 1-888-719-8929.

### Leave Donation

There are several employees in the leave donation program and need your help. The following are facing LWOP due to a medical emergency or family medical

emergency: CPACLT0214-cancer, CPACLT0219-heart transplant, husband, CPACLT0220-Wife is seriously ill, CPACLT0221-Husband has cancer, CPACLT0222-surgery and CPACLT0223-therapy. The completed forms are found on [www.intranet.riley.army.mil](http://www.intranet.riley.army.mil), scroll until you see CPAC and click on forms and select the OF 630a form if you are donating within Department of the Army, outside of Department of the Army click OF 630b. If you have questions contact your POC for your activity and when you donate any leave the form needs to go through your POC. Remember the leave donation form must go through your POC.

### ACAP News

The Army Career and Alumni Program and the Kansas Small Business Administration are presenting a Mini Pre-Business Workshop on Sept. 13, 9 a.m. - noon. The workshop will be held in the ACAP Center classroom, building 210, room 7, Custer Avenue. Topics include: Development of the business plan; How to Borrow Money to Start Your Business; Small Business Administration Loan Programs; Taxes; Recordkeeping; Permits and Legal Aspects; Questions and Answers. To register for the Pre-Business workshop, please call the ACAP Center 239-2278-2248. ACAP counselors are ready to assist you in preparing for your next career. Stop by the ACAP Center, building 210 or call 239-2248/2278, for additional information.

### Enlisted Spouses Club

The Enlisted Spouses Club will have a meeting on Wednesday, 7 p.m., at ASYMCA 111 East 16th St. in Junction City. Come be a part of a group of people who have a lot of fun while helping out Fort Riley and the surrounding communities. Day care is available on-site. For day care reservations or more information, call 784-3191 or 494-2094.

### Aerobics Instructor Needed

Sports Department is in search of current Certified Fitness/Aerobics Instructor(s). Please contact

the Sports Office at 239-2813 for additional information.

### Musicians Needed

Fort Riley's Contemporary Protestant service needs musicians for their praise band. They play contemporary Christian music and need musicians for the following instruments: bass guitar, lead guitar, conga drums, strings keyboard. Practice is on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Services are Sundays at 11 a.m. If interested, call Chaplain Jim Paulson at 239-3436. If no answer, please leave a message.

### Special Forces

A Special Forces recruiter will be visiting Fort Riley Sept. 16 - 20. The briefings will be held at the Post-Reup building (7626) at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, with an additional briefing at 6 p.m. on Sept. 17 and 19. A PT test will be conducted at Long track at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Candidates will wear BDUs and running shoes. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Hawkins at (719) 510-4493.

### Reminder

If you plan to invite civilians on post, remind them that they must have a photo identification, proof of insurance and vehicle registration.

### SWCPOC Closure

Today SWCPOC is closed for an Organizational day. ABC-C has phone coverage, but the remaining divisions of SWCPOC are closed.

### PWOC Events

PWOC will have "Moving into the Light" on Sept. 5, 7 p.m., at Morris Hill Chapel. The program will be "Introduction of New Fall Studies" with guest speaker Dr. Daniel Paul. PWOC Weekly Studies start Sept. 10 at Morris Hill Chapel. Times will be: Tuesday at 9 a.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. Childcare will be available.

A Special Event Luncheon for OCS, PWOC, ESC and the Chapel Community will be Sept. 19, 11 a.m., at Riley's Event Center. Guest will be Barbara Willey "The Army's Answer to Erma Bombeck" The cost is \$10 (plus Child Care if applicable) The menu includes Cobb Salad of Pesto Chicken Wrap. Call Gina Greene 784-2884 (JC & Ft. Riley) Kim Crusinberry 537-1116 (Manhattan) for luncheon reservations. The deadline is Sept. 11 at noon. For Child Care reservations call Denna Coulson 784-2404. Childcare is on a first come, first serve basis. Slots are limited at the CDC and ASYMCA. The deadline for childcare sign-up is Sept. 13 at noon.

The PWOC Fall Retreat - "Let Your Light Shine," will be Oct. 4 and 5 by the Lake in Council Grove.

Guest Speaker will be Kathy Stamp of Vessel Ministries. Donation suggested is \$35. Child Care will not be available. Contact Krissy Kearney at 784-2521 for more information.

Fall Focus 2002 - PWOC USA Conference will be Oct. 23-27 at the Holiday Inn-International, Orlando, Fla. For more information, contact Donna Davenport at 784-6633.

Deadline for Registration is Sept. 17.

### Post Wide Yard Sale

The Post Wide Fall Yard Sale is scheduled for Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Cross Country Championships

Fort Riley Battalion Level Cross Country Meet will be on Sept. 19 at Custer Hill Golf Course. The deadline for a roster of battalion team members to be forwarded to the Sports Office, building 202, is Sept. 10, close of business. Packet pickup will be Sept. 19, 2 - 2:45 p.m. The start time for the Women's Open, Women's Masters and Men's Masters is 3 p.m. The Men's Open

start time is 3:45 p.m. For more information, call the Sports Office at 239-3945.

### Tuition Assistance

Effective Oct. 1, 2002, 100 percent Tuition Assistance will be paid for soldiers enrolled in post-secondary courses. Soldiers may use 100 percent TA up to \$250 per semester hour and up to \$4,500 per year. See an Army Education Counselor for details and to enroll.

### The Shoppe

The Shoppe is a good shopping experience for anyone who loves antiques and homemade crafts. When you stop by for a visit, you will find a new look and lots of fall merchandise. Our crafters have been very busy getting ready for the upcoming season. The Shoppe is located in building 259 Stuart Ave. (just west of the Fort Riley Honor Guard Stables). For more information, call 239-2783.

### The Thrift Shop

Pre-owned furniture, appliances, clothing for all ages, as well as toys, electronics and garden tools are just a sampling of your choices at the Fort Riley Thrift Shop. Consignments are taken on Tuesdays and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located in building 267, Stuart Ave. For more information, call 784-3874. Donations accepted anytime at the rear entrance. The End-of-Summer Bag Sale will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Put as many items as you can into a bag for only \$1!!! Both civilian and military welcome!

### Commander's Conference

The 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support) will host the FY 02, 75th Division (TS) Commander's Conference at Fort Riley, Sept. 27-29 in order to provide a venue for the 75th Division Commander and subordinate brigade command groups to address command responsibilities, missions, readiness and other

significant Army and command issues as it relates to the theme of "Army Transformation." It will also focus on the lessons learned, inherent risks and reassessing the division's mission post Sept. 11. A Family Readiness Group Forum will run concurrently with the conference.

### ACAP Job Fair

The Army Career & Alumni Program is sponsoring a Job Fair from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., today at the ACAP Center on Main Post, building 210, room 7, Custer Ave. There will be employers present to talk with and interview prospective employees for positions throughout the United States and some overseas locations. A list of employers invited to this Job Fair will be posted in the ACAP Center, building 210, room 6. Visit or call the ACAP Center, 239-2278/2068 for more information. ACAP sponsors employers that want to visit Fort Riley to interview and conduct testing on prospective new employees. The following organizations will be coming to Fort Riley soon to do just that: Sgt. Garron Carter, recruiter from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, will be in the ACAP Center for Job Fairs on Aug. 23 and Sept. 20.

### CG's Fall Classic

Custer Hill Golf Course will be hosting the Commanding General's Fall Classic Golf Tournament, Sept. 10. The tournament will be an 18-hole scramble, with four players per team. There will be two shotgun starts, with the first being at 7:30 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m. USGA golf rules will apply, and the tournament is restricted to the first 60 teams. The cost is \$35 per person, or \$140 per team, and includes green fees, golf cart (while supplies last), dinner and a shirt. For more information, call 239-6000 or 239-1490.

### Commissary News

The Commissary Focus Group meeting will be on Sept. 25, 10 a.m. It will be held in the Com-

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missary training room. For more information, please contact Alice at 239-2921.

### Organizational Day

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will close at 11:30 a.m. today for their Organizational Day.

### Scouting News

Come join the fun! From

kindergartners to adults, The Girl Scouts have something for everyone. The age groups are: Daisies-Kindergarten; Brownies-1st-3rd grade; Juniors-4th-6th grade; Cadettes-7th-9th grade and Seniors-10th-12th grade.

If interested or if you have any questions, please contact the local Girl Scouts on Fort Riley, Pam Gonzalez, 210-1208 or the Kaw Valley Council, 1-800-432-0286. Scout Night for the Girl Scouts is Thursday, 7 p.m., at Ware Elementary School gym.

The Quivira District of Con-

ado Area Council, Boy Scouts of America announces the registration for Cub Scouts on Thursday at 7 p.m. Registration will take place at Custer Hill Elementary, Morris Hill Elementary (Jefferson Elementary will also recruit at Morris Hill) and Ware Elementary. Boys in first - fifth grades may sign up for Cub Scouts at their respective schools. The point of contact for school night is Russ Black, 238-5684.

Pack 260 of Fort Riley Elementary will have their school night for scouting activity/regis-

tration on Thursday also, at the Custer Hill Bowling Alley, 6 - 8 p.m. Pack 260 is having several back-to-school activities. Also on Thursday, 6-8 p.m., the pack is hosting a "Join Scouting Bowling Party" at Custer Hill Bowling Center for current and prospective Cub Scouts. In addition, there will be a back-to-school picnic on Sept. 12.

### Mail Training

An "Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations" class will be offered Sept. 5, 11, 23 and 24, 9

a.m. - 4:30 p.m., building 319, CPAC. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll. Prospective mail clerks are required to attend a class and bring copy of their memorandum of on-the-job training. Call Sylvia at 239-5411 for more information.

### Club Beyond

Club Beyond and Club Beyond JV are designed for high school and middle school youth, respec-

tively. These meetings include a Christian devotional and the three "F's" of youth ministry: food, fun and friends. Club Beyond and CBJV meet Sunday nights in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel on Main Post. CBJV meets from 4 - 6 p.m. and Club Beyond meets from 7 - 9 p.m. A Youth Rally is planned for sixth - 12th grades on tomorrow at Junction City High School, 6 - 9 p.m. For information on Club Beyond events, contact Don Ericson, Club Beyond Director, at 239-9313 or don.ericson@riley.army.mil

# 1st BCT wins Army Deployment Excellence Award for NTC

By Jason Shepherd  
19th PAD

The 1st Brigade Combat Team won this year's Army Deployment Excellence Award for the large unit category for their deployment to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. earlier this year.

Capt. Paul Deegan, 1st BCT movement officer until June of this year, will travel to Washington D.C. to accept the award on Wednesday on behalf of the unit.

According to Deegan, this award is important to the troops that worked hard to earn it.

"I believe it boosts morale and gives soldiers a sense of pride when their unit is recognized for doing something great," he said. "The award also means a lot to Fort Riley. This is the second year in a row a unit from Fort Riley has won the award and that says a lot about the outstanding soldiers and civilians that work in

G4/Transportation, the 266th Transportation Detachment and the Freight Work Center."

Last year, the 266th Trans won the award in the category of active Army support unit.

The primary objectives of the award are to recognize deploying units, supporting units and installations for outstanding mission accomplishment, which meet or exceed established deployment standards. It's also used to capture and share innovative deployment initiatives, which have improved the deployment process and to track Army deployment training trends for doctrinal and training updates, according to the Deployment Excellence Award Program website. There are three different award categories including deploying unit, supporting unit and installation.

The Army Deployment Excellence Award is sponsored by the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans and Deputy of

Staff for Logistics. The competition begins April 1 and runs through the end of March. The unit won the award for their rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. this year.

"Winning this award gives the great soldiers of this Brigade the recognition they deserve for all the hard work and long hours they invested during the deployment," said Deegan.

Units and installations competing for the DEA are evaluated on their ability to plan and execute a deployment or deployment support event the unit or installation participated in during the award competition year. This event has to be identified by the unit or installation as the basis for the award in the Unit Deployment Profile nomination packet submitted by each competing unit.

"A unit must decide to win this

award before the deployment even begins," Deegan said. "This was especially true for us because our award packet was due while we were still deployed. We took over one hundred pictures showing every aspect of the deployment, which really strengthened the written portion of our award packet. If we had decided to submit an award packet after the deployment, we might not have had all the pictures and products that really strengthened our packet."

There are different criteria that have to be met when a unit submits for this award, according to the website. These include meeting deployment standards and timelines, deployment complexity and progress toward deployment excellence.

In order to meet the deployment timelines, the 1st BCT was evaluated on their ability and performance in meeting deployment or deployment support timelines.

To show deployment complex-

ity, the judges considered the complexity of the deployment or deployment support mission.

The 1st BCT showed how the following complexity factors including mission lead-time available, Task Force organization, internal command and control requirements, changing requirements and the unit's flexibility and responsiveness, Theater certification training and other special training requirements and use of new systems or technologies.

Finally, the 1st BCT had to show their progress toward deployment excellence. An important part of the program is to recognize outstanding deployment accomplishments to capture and share successful initiatives, according to the website. Units and installations competing for the DEA have to include deployment initiatives that have improved the deployment process. Appropriate documentation such as After Action Reviews or initiatives that were the basis for

Center for Army Lessons Learned items may be included as enclosures.

For this deployment we used every mode of transportation available including chartered commercial aircraft, rail, military aircraft and commercial line haul," Deegan said. "In fact we had planned to use more military aircraft than we actually did. The initial plan was to deploy 40 HMMWVs via KC-10s and C-17s to deploy our (Quick Reaction Force) and a portion of the (Immediate Reaction Company) including 4 M1A1 Abrams tanks, 5 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, all of the (Military Police) HMMWVs and several support vehicles. At the last minute however, our C-17s were cancelled. I included our plan to use the C-17s even though they were cancelled because a great deal of planning and preparation went into it. The actual execution would not have been as difficult."

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## Annual Chaplaincy Regional Sustainment Training focuses on self care

By Steven Cooke

Staff Writer

Over 140 active, reserve and National Guard Army chaplains and chaplain's assistants from Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri, gathered in Manhattan for the annual three-day Chaplaincy Regional Sustainment Training.

The theme of this year's training was spiritual fitness. "The focus is on self care," said Chap. (Maj.) Dan Harrison, assistant chaplain, 89th Regional Support Command. "How to maintain your spirituality and be a good

soldier," he said.

"You can't take care of others well if you can't care of yourself well," added Chap. (Lt. Col.) Karl Kuckhahn, deputy command chaplain, Fort Riley, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division.

The training consisted of mostly lectures and testimonials, but it was also interaction between soldiers that proved to be most beneficial.

"I like interacting with the reservists and guardsmen," said Pfc. Christopher Maddox, chaplain assistant, HHC, 24th Infantry Division. "It is a nice change of

pace from garrison."

"The best part is meeting and seeing the reserve and guard soldiers, and seeing how their mission differs from ours," said Pfc. Phillip Olt, chaplain assistant, HHC, 24th ID.

Olt explained how their job differs from his.

"They only work one weekend a month, so they have to shoot off the hip because they only have two days."

"When we come to the conference we get to meet other teams," said Chap. (Maj.) Tom Shepard, 6025th Garrison Support Unit Detachment 1, "we build relationships

with each other so you feel apart of a team, because sometimes it's usually only a chaplain and a chaplain assistant."

A chaplain and a chaplain's assistant are known as unit ministry teams, explained Shepard.

The soldiers also spoke about what they learned from the lectures and testimonials.

"Last night at the banquet, Gen. Metz, spoke about endurance," said Olt. "We don't know how long war is going to last, so we have to be ready for the war."

"Chaplain Schanep gave a powerful and personal testimon-

ny," said Pvt. Christopher Kerr, chaplain assistant, HHC, 24th ID. "I learned that no matter where you go in life, you can recover."

"Gen. Zalis spoke about how no matter what religion you are dealing with you have to do your best to help them," said Maddox.

"The speakers are entertaining," said Spec. Kyle Hicks, chaplain assistant, 541st Maintenance Battalion. "I liked Dr. Muse speaking about the different areas of spiritual fitness."

Chaplains learned some things too.

"We're learning about updates on what's happening in the world

and how we can respond to that," said Shepard.

"We're learning how to relate to the command and commanders. That can be difficult sometimes, trying to be effective," Shepard said.

Harrison and Kuckhahn said the conference was about all the Army components training together and working together.

"To have this conference is like coming home," said Shepard. "You and your brothers and sisters are out serving our country, then the conference is like a yearly gathering to recuperate and gain strength."

## Fort Riley Judge Advocate's office releases first quarter 02 court-martial results

As reported by the Fort Riley Judge Advocate's office, the following cases went to court-martial during the first quarter of calendar year 2002 and resulted in the stated adjudged sentences.

Pfc. Joshua K. Maylee, Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, was convicted at special court-martial of one specification of desertion. Maylee was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for four months, confinement for four months and is to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. 2 John T. Talley, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, was convicted at special court-martial of one specification of desertion. Talley was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for four months, confinement for four months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. 2 Nathan Ellis, 331st Signal Company, 101st Forward Support Battalion, was convicted at general court-martial of two specifications of wrongful use of cocaine, one specification of wrongful distribution of cocaine and one specification of impeding an investigation by asking another soldier to make a false official statement. One specification of wrongful distribution of cocaine and one specification of making a false official statement were dismissed by the military judge. Ellis was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for eight months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. 2 Fletcher C. Neumann, 568th Engineer Company, 541st Maintenance Battalion, was convicted at special court-martial of one specification of AWOL, one specification of wrongful use of cocaine, two specifications of larceny and one specification of AWOL, a lesser-included offense of desertion. Neumann was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of \$737 pay per month for three months, confinement for three months and a bad-

conduct discharge.

Pvt. 2 Thomas L. Resneder, 568th Engineer Company, 541st Maintenance Battalion, was convicted at general court-martial of one specification of wrongful use of marijuana, one specification of wrongful use of cocaine, one specification of larceny, two specifications of failure to repair and one specification of incapacitation for performance of duties due to drunkenness. Resneder was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of \$825 pay per month for eight months, confinement for eight months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. 1 Nicholas J. Sampsell, 331st Signal Company, 101st Forward Support Battalion, was convicted at general court-martial of one specification of AWOL, eight specifications of failure to repair, two specifications of making a false official statement, one specification of wrongful use of marijuana, three specifications of willful disobedience to a superior Commissioned Officer, two specifications of violating a lawful General Regulation, one specification of negligent discharge of a firearm, one specification of carrying a concealed weapon and one specification of drunk and disorderly conduct. Sampsell was found guilty of one specification of negligent discharge of a firearm, a lesser-included offense of wrongful discharge of a firearm. Sampsell was sentenced to forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for 385 days and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pfc. Alexison V. McKinney, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, was convicted at general court-martial of one specification of wrongful appropriation, two specifications of

wrongful distribution of marijuana, one specification of wrongful use of marijuana, one specification of AWOL, one specification of conspiracy to escape custody and one specification of escape from custody. McKinney was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for 375 days and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pfc. David L. Fuhr, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Engineer Battalion, was convicted at special court-martial of one specification of larceny, one specification of forgery and one specification of wrongful use of another soldier's ID card with the intent to defraud. Fuhr was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of \$735 pay per month for six months and confinement for six months.

Pvt. 1 Donald R. Minton, 523rd Military Police Company, 924th Military Police Battalion, was convicted at general court-martial of six specifications of larceny, one specification of wrongful appropriation and one specification of wrongful entry with the intent to commit wrongful appropriation. Minton was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for 24 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. 1 Andrew E. Scheef, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, was convicted at general court-martial of one specification of AWOL, ten specifications of willful disobedience of a superior Commissioned Officer, one specification of wrongful

use of a controlled substance, one specification of wrongful distribution of a controlled substance, one specification of willful disobedience of a Noncommissioned Officer, one specification of failure to obey a lawful order, seven specifications of failure to go to appointed place of duty and one specification of escape from custody. Scheef was found not guilty of four specifications of willful disobedience of a superior Commissioned Officer and two specifications of failure to repair. Scheef was sentenced to forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for 18 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Spec. Edwin Aponte Jr., Company B, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, was convicted at general court-martial of making a false official statement, two specifications of larceny, fifteen specifications of forgery by uttering, one specification of AWOL and one specification of conspiracy. Aponte was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for 30 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pfc. Anthony J. Wallace, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, was convicted at general court-martial of one specification of maiming, one specification of assault consummated by a battery and one specification of assault on a Noncommissioned Officer. One specification of conspiracy to commit assault consummated by a battery was dismissed on government motion. Wallace was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for 18 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Spec. Willie Prescott III, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, was convicted at general court-martial of one specification of wrongful distribution of marijuana. Prescott was found not guilty of two specifications of wrongful distribution of marijuana. Prescott was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for 42 months, confinement for 42 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. 2 Patrick T. Dyson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, was convicted at special court-martial of one specification of AWOL and one specification of wrongful use of cocaine. Dyson was sentenced to reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of \$735 pay per month for three months, confinement for 75 days and a bad-conduct discharge.

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# Korea after 50 years - Red POW riots result in four dead, 64 wounded

By Jim Caldwell  
Army News Service

More rioting by communist prisoners of war resulted in crack-downs that left four POWs dead and 64 wounded, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

Aug. 22, 1952 — The United States announces it is paying South Korea the second installment since May of \$35 million for costs of maintaining American troops in the country.

The Republican presidential ticket of retired Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Senator Richard Nixon blasts Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., for attacking retired Gen. George C. Marshall for communist activities. They also denounce the methods McCarthy uses in his drive to find communists everywhere in the federal government. They said they will not help him in the Wisconsin Republican primary, but if he wins they will support his reelection bid.

Aug. 23 — A Far East Air Force spokesman reports so far in the month that 26 MiGs were downed, a record for any month of the war. Another two were "probables" and 29 were damaged. One F-86 Supersabre was

downed in a dogfight. Aug. 23-28 — The Korean rainy season holds down ground fighting throughout Korea.

Peking radio carries a message from North Korea on Aug. 23 that accuses the United States of "blind and wanton bombing" of civilians. It asks "people throughout the world to stop this outrage."

A Red commentator in Peking seems to contradict the North Korean statement Aug. 25 when he calls the United Nations' attempts to keep pressure on the communists in North Korea with air forces "a farce."

Bad weather interferes with U.N. air operations over Korea, as well, but U.S. bombers hit the port of Chinnampo Aug. 23; a supply depot near Pyongyang and Puk-chong Aug. 26; the Changjin Reservoir power plant Aug. 27; and supply routes around Pyongyang Aug. 28.

On Aug. 24, the communists begin constructing a permanent building at Panmunjom to house

the truce talks, to replace the meeting tent. The next day, the U.N. camp near Panmunjom is washed away by a flash flood on the Sanchon River.

Truce talks remain in recess, but the two team chiefs — Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison and Lt. Gen. Nam Il meet briefly.

Aug. 27, Nam complains to Harrison about the "repeated slaughter" of Red prisoners in the U.N. POW camp on Kojé Island.

The camps on Kojé have stayed out of the headlines recently, but on Aug. 26 an Eighth Army spokesman reports that 30 communist prisoners are wounded when guards used riot guns and tear gas to break up a demonstration in one of the 500-man compounds.

Then on Aug. 27, a spokesman reports that during August four POWs were killed and 64 wounded as guards broke up 11 different outbreaks in the compounds. Officials said the prisoners had "tried out the nerves of U.N. personnel."

and that "maximum force" was used to stop the riots.

Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, as well as commander of the Far East Command, shuffles the Far East Command staff to give the Air Force and Navy equal representation

with the Army.

Aug. 27 — U.S. casualties in Korea have climbed to 116,252, including 20,241 dead through Aug. 22, a Pentagon spokesman reports.

A summary of aircraft losses for the war reports 644 enemy planes destroyed, another 144

probably destroyed and 1,449 damaged. U.N. aircraft losses total 1,572 planes — 819 are U.S. Air Force, 613 Navy and 65 Marines. Another 65 from other countries were also destroyed.

Fort Riley continues to be a Korean War Commemorative Community through 2003.



## American soldiers' remains sent home

Remains believed to be those of seven American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War were repatriated in formal ceremonies on Tuesday in Korea.

The remains were then flown on a U.S. Air Force aircraft from Pyongyang, North Korea, under escort of a uniformed U.S. honor guard to Yokota Air Base, Japan, where a U.N. Command repatriation ceremony was held.

A joint team operating near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea recovered six sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. Army soldiers from the 7th Infantry Division who fought against Chinese forces November-December 1950. Additionally, a second team recovered one set of remains in the area along

the Chong Chon River near the junction of Unsan and Kujang counties, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. The area was the site of battles between Communist forces and the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry and 25th Infantry Divisions in November 1950. Approximately 1,000 Americans are estimated to have been lost in battles of the Chosin campaign.

The 28-person U.S. contingent was composed primarily of specialists from the Army's Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii.

The Defense Department's Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office negotiated terms with the North Koreans in June, which led to the scheduling of three operations this year. This

repatriation marks the end of the first of this year's three operations. The remaining two operations are set for Aug. 24 - Sept. 24 and Sept. 28 - Oct. 29.

Twenty-three individual joint operations have been conducted since 1996 in North Korea, during which 159 sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. soldiers have been recovered. Thirteen have been positively identified and returned to their families for burial with military honors. Another 12 are in the final stages of the forensic identification process.

Of the 88,000 U.S. servicemen missing in action from all conflicts, more than 8,100 are from the Korean War.

## Army's future force tests new wave-piercing boat

Army News Service

The Army's future force met what some believe is the future of Army transportation when elements of a Stryker Brigade Combat Team were transported up the west coast this week on a new high-speed vessel.

The HSV-X1 Joint Venture, a giant wave-piercing catamaran, transported soldiers, Stryker armored vehicles and equipment from California to Tacoma, Wash.

The Stryker task force had just finished its participation in Millennium Challenge 02 and the Army Transformation Experiment at Fort Irwin's National Training Center. The Strykers were loaded onto the high-speed vessel at Port Hueneme, Calif., Aug. 11, and they arrived back at Fort Lewis, Wash., Aug. 13.

The Army leased the Joint Venture last year to assess the capabilities of this type of technology for future procurement, officials said. This was the Army's first demonstration of the high-speed vessel's ability to transport complete packages of combat-ready soldiers with their equipment, Transportation Corps officials reported.

The ability to transport units intact will greatly reduce the need for large-scale on-shore reception, staging, onward movement and integration of soldiers, vehicles and equipment, said Chief Warrent Officer 4 Mike Wichterman, operations officer, 7th Transportation Group. Reducing the logistics footprint is paramount as the Army transforms to a faster, stronger, more lethal force, he said.

"For each fighter in the force today, we have a combat service support soldier making sure he's got the beans, bullets, water and fuel needed to carry on the fight," Wichterman said. "The objective theater support vessel will give us a much broader package of dominant maneuver, allowing us to transport the combat unit sets as a complete package. We'll be able to insert them without the need for a large combat service support soldier package to assist on the shore executing reception, staging, and onward movement."

The objective vessel will also have a state-of-the-art C4ISR suite (command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance suite) on board, giving commanders the ability to obtain real-time information to plan and rehearse

the mission while underway.

"Commanders will be able to maintain situational awareness with their higher headquarters, receiving the same intelligence updates, changes to the operational plan and supporting information," he said. "They can make major changes to the plans while en route to their destination, and be more effective, more lethal in the process."

In October, the Army leased the Joint Venture, a commercial ferry modified for the military, to assess the capability of high-speed vessels to meet the need for faster, more maneuverable watercraft with shallow draft and large cargo capacity.

The Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are also testing similar vessels for service specific missions.

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